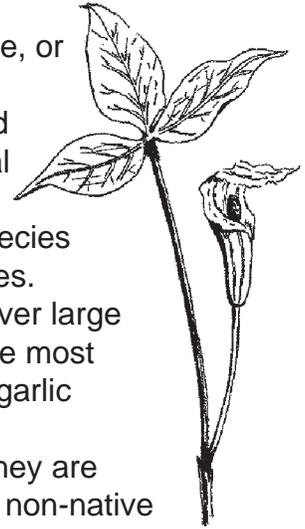


# Native Vegetation

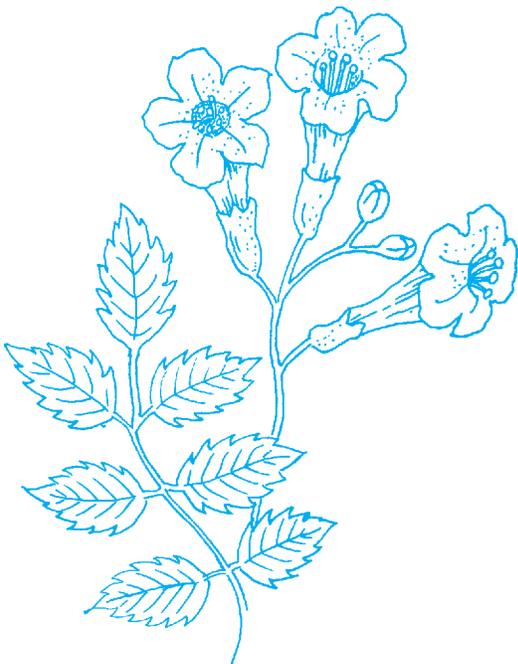
**N**ative species refer to wild animals and plants that have evolved in a particular region and environment. Non-native, or exotic, species are often introduced from other regions or countries accidentally, intentionally, or through habitat change induced by humans or nature. Often these non-native species have no natural controls in the area where they are released, allowing their populations to increase rapidly. Exotic species often out-compete native species and replace native species in our natural plant and animal communities. Oftentimes, invasive non-native plants become pest species, taking over large areas of land and becoming difficult to control or eradicate. Two of the most invasive species that occur in West Virginia are purple looserife and garlic mustard.



It is important to plant native species when possible because they are adapted to the area and are more disease and drought resistant than non-native species. Native plants also provide the greatest benefits to wildlife because our native wildlife evolved with native plants. Often the food provided by native plants is the most nutritious to our native wildlife.

Fortunately, more nurseries are specializing in native plants every year. Below are some nurseries that propagate and sell native plants, and some even offer installation services. The nurseries located in West Virginia are listed first. Out-of-state suppliers were selected for this list based on a these criteria: located within about 100 miles of WV, offer mail order or installation service, and have a high percentage of native plants in their stock. A percentage of native plant stock for each nursery is given at the end of each listing when known.

*This list is not meant to be inclusive nor is it an endorsement by the WV Division of Natural Resources of any individuals or businesses.*



Use the following keys to choose the type of nursery plant materials, and services that you are looking for.

- H** =Herbaceous (may include annuals, perennials, ferns, grasses)
- I** = Offers installation services
- MO** =Mail Order
- S** =Seeds
- SH** =Shrubs
- T** =Trees
- W**= Wetland plants or aquatics

## West Virginia Suppliers

Enchanter's Garden  
HC 77 Box 108  
Hinton WV 25951  
(304) 466-3154  
MO, H, S, SH, T, W 99%

Native Garden Design  
Josh Meadows or Trey Flemming  
Rt. 2 Box 484  
Salt Rock WV 25559  
Day (304) 541-0184 Eves (304) 736-6219  
I, SH 100%

Spaulding Landscaping and Homeview Farm  
Rt. 1 Box 39  
Sheperdstown, WV 25443  
(304) 876-2096  
Email: [homeviewfarm@aol.com](mailto:homeviewfarm@aol.com)  
H, I, SH, T 15%

Sunshine Farm & Gardens  
HC 67 Box 539B  
Renick, WV 24966  
(304) 497-2208  
[www.gardenweb.com/sunshine](http://www.gardenweb.com/sunshine)  
H, SH, T, W 50%

Virginia Provenzano  
Landscape Design & Garden  
420 Dam # 4 Rd.  
Sheperdstown, WV 25443  
(304) 267-6924  
Email: [provenzano4@earthlink.net](mailto:provenzano4@earthlink.net)  
MO, SH, T 100%

West Virginia Division of Forestry  
Clements State Tree Nursery  
PO Box 8  
West Columbia, WV 25287  
(304) 675-1820  
MO, SH, T

## Out-of-State Suppliers

Atlantic Star  
620 Pyle Rd.  
Forest Hill, MD 27050  
(470) 838-7950  
[atlantic@iximd.com](mailto:atlantic@iximd.com)

Appalachian Nurseries, Inc  
PO Box 87  
Waynesboro, PA 17268  
(717) 762-4733, FAX (717) 762-7532  
SH, T

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve  
PO Box 685  
New Hope, PA 18938  
(215) 862-2924 FAX (215) 862-1846  
[www.bhwp.org/native](http://www.bhwp.org/native)  
MO, S 100%

Doyle Farm Nursery  
158 Norris Road  
Delta, PA 17314  
(717) 862-3134  
MO, H, 75%

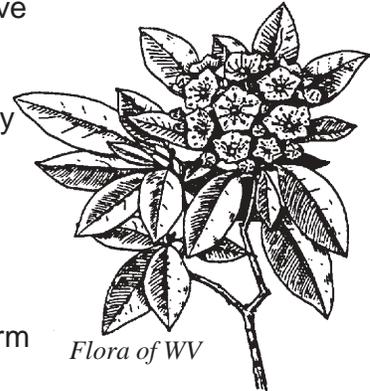
England's Herb Farm  
33 Todd Rd.

Honey Brook, PA  
(610) 273-2863, FAX (610) 273-2556  
I, MO, H, W 80%

Ernst Conservation Seeds  
9006 Mercer Pike  
Meadville, PA 16335  
(800) 873-3321, FAX (814) 336-5191  
[www.ernstseed.com](http://www.ernstseed.com)  
I, MO, H, S, SH, T 75%

Environmental Concern  
PO Box P,  
St. Michaels, MD 21663  
(410) 745-9620, FAX (410) 745-3517  
[www.wetland.org](http://www.wetland.org)  
SH, T, W 100%

Flickinger's Nursery  
PO Box 245  
Sagamore, PA 16250  
(800) 368-7381, FAX (724) 783-6528  
MO, T, SH, H  
Gary's Perennials  
1122 E. Welsh Road  
Maple Glen, PA 19002  
(800) 898-6653, FAX (215) 628-0216  
MO, H, W 20%



Heirloom Seeds  
PO Box 245  
W. Elizabeth, PA 15088  
(412) 384-0852, FAX (412) 384-0852  
www.heirloomseeds.com  
MO, S, 80%

Lower Marlboro Nursery  
PO Box 1013  
Dunkirk, MD 20754  
(301) 812-0808 FAX (301) 812-0808  
Email: [mssd@erols.com](mailto:mssd@erols.com)  
MO, T, SH, H, W 80%

Land Reforms Nursery & Landscape  
35703 Loop Rd.  
Rutland, OH 45775  
(740) 742-3478  
I, MO, H, T, S, SH, W 90%

Maryland Natives Nursery  
9120 Hines Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21234  
(410) 529-0552 FAX (410) 529-3883  
I, H, SH, W 95%

Mary's Plant Farm and Landscape  
2410 Lanes Mill Road  
Hamilton, OH 45013  
(513) 894-0022 FAX (513) 892-2053  
MO, T, SH, H 25%

Musser Forests Inc.  
PO Box 340  
Indiana, PA 15701  
(724) 465-5685, FAX (724) 465-9893  
www.musserforest.com  
MO, T, SH, H, W 50%

Native Seed, Inc.  
14590 Triadelphia Mill Rd.  
Dayton, MD 21036  
(301) 596-9818 FAX (301) 854-3195  
Email: [saund10449@aol.com](mailto:saund10449@aol.com)  
MO, S

Native Seeds  
7327 Haefork Ln.  
Gloucester Point, VA 23062

(804) 642-0736  
MO, H, S, SH, T, W 90%

Octoraro Nursery  
6126 Street Road  
Kirkwood, PA 17536  
(717) 529-3160, FAX (717) 529-4099  
H, SH, T, W 99%

Pinelands Nursery  
8877 Richmond Rd.  
Toano, VA 23168  
(800) 667-2729, FAX (609) 298-8939  
Email: [wetland@widomaker.com](mailto:wetland@widomaker.com)  
MO, H, SH, T, W 99%

The Primrose Path  
921 Scottdale-Dawson Rd.  
Scottdale, PA 15683  
(724) 887-6756, FAX (724) 887-3077  
MO, H, 75%

Riverview Herb Farm  
49607 State Rt. 338  
Racine, OH 45771  
(740) 247-4565  
Email: [riverviewherbs@juno.com](mailto:riverviewherbs@juno.com)  
MO, I, H, S, SH, S, T, W

Shooting Star Nursery  
444 Bates Rd.  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 223-1679, FAX (502) 875-2231  
MO, H, S, SH, T, W 100%

Virginia Natives  
PO Box D  
Hume, VA 22639  
(540) 364-1665 Phone & FAX  
Email: [vanatvs@erols.com](mailto:vanatvs@erols.com)  
MO, H, SH, T, W 50%

Wetland Supply Co./Native Plant Nursery  
1633 Gilmar Rd.  
Apollo, PA 15613  
(724) 327-1830, FAX: (724) 733-3527  
I, MO, H, SH, S, T, W 99%

### Other Information:

West Virginia Native Plant Society –Information  
Bill Grafton  
345 West Virginia Avenue  
Morgantown, WV 26501  
(304) 293-4797 X2493

Two great sources of native plant information, including photographs of plants native to your area and suppliers nationwide, are the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center website at [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org) and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture at <http://plants.usda.gov/>.

## Obtaining Native Plants

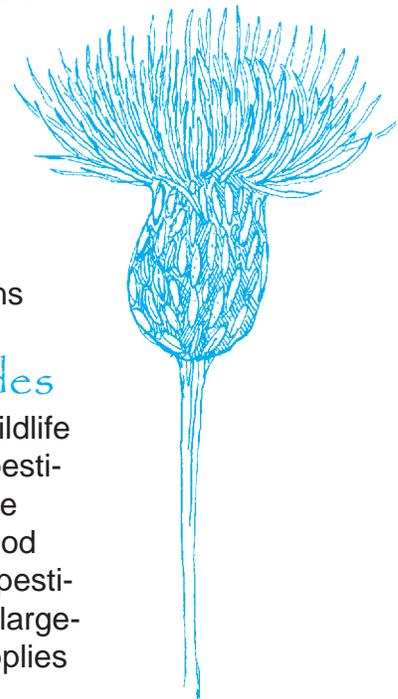
When planting native vegetation in your backyard habitat, refrain from digging entire plants from the wild. This can have detrimental effects on native plant populations. Instead, collect a few seeds and plant them in your garden. If you purchase your native plants from a nursery, be sure to inquire about where the plants originated to ensure that they were propagated from seeds or cuttings and not collected from the wild.

If you find areas planned for development, such as new road construction, housing developments or a proposed parking lot, you may be able to obtain permission from the landowner to move some of the native plants to your property before construction begins.

## The Value of “Weeds”

When planning your wildlife garden, the value of plants that are often considered to be “weeds” should not be underestimated. In reality, a “weed” is really “any plant growing where we don’t want it to grow.” Many of these so-called weeds provide important food and cover for wildlife, not to mention their beautiful flowers! Below is a list of a few common “weeds” and some of the animals that benefit from them.

Thistles	goldfinches, butterflies
Milkweed	butterflies
Lamb’s quarters	songbirds
Smartweeds	songbirds
Dandelions	goldfinches, pine siskins



## A Caution about Insecticides and Herbicides

The use of pesticides can be particularly dangerous to wildlife that feed on treated plants and insects. Reducing or stopping pesticide use promotes a healthier environment, especially during the nesting season, when parent birds rely on high-protein insect food sources to give nestlings a healthy start in life. Herbicides and pesticides can reduce cover and food supplies for wildlife, if used in large-scale applications. Also herbicides may create tainted food supplies for species like rabbits and voles that eat mainly vegetation.